



Community News and Events

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Hosted Her 2nd Annual Dental Screening Clinic for Kids in San Leandro



Assemblymember Hayashi hosted her 2nd Annual Dental Screening Clinic for Kids at Bayfair Center in San Leandro on October 25th. This free event provided children with an oral health assessment performed by volunteer dentists from the Southern Alameda County Dental Society. More than 80 school children from Hayward, San Lorenzo and San Leandro participated in the free dental screenings.

Children entering kindergarten or first grade are required by law to have their oral health assessed by a dentist before May 31st of their first year of school. The recent law was enacted in response to dental problems accounting for over 500,000 school absences each year in California. Oral health assessments have the ability to detect early tooth decay, the number one chronic health problem affecting our children, and offer advice to both children and parents on how to take preventative measures.

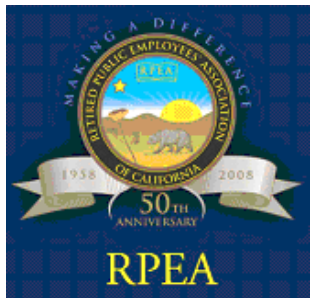
Following the dental screenings, parents received information about follow-up oral health care and the children were given dental kits filled with toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss and advice about keeping their teeth clean and healthy.

Assemblymember Hayashi Gives Keynote Speech at Tri-Valley Business Council's Health Care Summit



Assemblymember Hayashi was invited to give the Keynote Speech at the Tri-Valley Business Council's *Health Care Workforce Development Summit* on October 17th in Pleasanton. The forum was designed to engage industry representatives, education leaders and government officials to create a regional workforce development plan that addresses the healthcare industry's needs. Assemblymember Hayashi, who sits on the Assembly Health Committee and Chairs the Assembly Select Committee on Community Colleges, spoke of the importance in building a strong healthcare workforce through programs at the community college level. She also discussed how the healthcare industry and labor organizations have worked together most recently to offset the shortages of employees by providing current healthcare workers with financial support and guidance to advance their educational achievement. These programs have helped transform current entry level health care workers into registered nurses.

California Retired Public Employees Association Names Hayashi its "Legislator of the Year"



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi received the *Legislator of the Year Award* from the Retired Public Employees Association of California during its 2008 General Assembly Meeting in Sacramento.

Assemblymember Hayashi was recognized for her work on legislation that would have provided a self-funded vision care program for retired firefighters, police officers, and teachers. This important piece of legislation highlights the need for affordable and accessible vision care for contract agency, school and university retirees and their dependants.

Assemblymember Hayashi Congratulates Alameda County's "Teachers of the Year"



Sixteen teachers representing school districts throughout Alameda County received the honor of the *Teacher of the Year*. The celebration recognizing these outstanding teachers took place on October 16th at California State University, East Bay's auditorium. Two of the sixteen teachers, Jim Clark and Frankie Tate, received special honors as they were chosen to represent Alameda County in the statewide "Teacher of the Year" competition to be held in Sacramento.

Assemblymember Hayashi honored and thanked all of the teachers for their dedication and commitment to enhancing the academic environment at their respective schools and helping to further the educational achievements of California students.



2008 Outstanding Teachers Are:

Dennis Aquilina – Pleasanton Unified School District
Karen Berry – San Leandro Unified School District
Herman Brown – Oakland Unified School District
Jim Clark – San Lorenzo Unified School District
Joanne Gouveia – Fremont Unified School District

Melissa LeGuluche – Dublin Unified School District
Lynette Hasan Marshall – Tri-Valley ROP
Sharon Mullen – Alameda County Office of Education
Karen Pezzetti – Oakland Unified School District
Loren Pinto – Newark Unified School District

Belynda Ray – Hayward Unified School District
Brian Rodriguez – Hayward Unified School District
Gordon Sanford – Mission Valley ROP

Leslie Jo Sutton – Castro Valley Unified School District
Frankie Tate – Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District
Lynne Thomson – New Haven Unified School District

Dublin High School Celebrates its New Math and Science Center



Thanks to the Dublin voters who passed Measure C, Dublin High School recently opened its new Math and Science Complex.

The new complex features state-of-the-art science laboratory classrooms, mathematic classrooms, computer rooms and special education classrooms. Assemblymember Hayashi recognized Dublin Unified School District at a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on October 29th for its unlimited educational opportunities that the new facility and teachers will provide to all current and future students.



State's Leading Environmental Groups Rank Assemblymember Hayashi at the Very Top



The state's two leading environmental groups, once again, honored Assemblymember Mary Hayashi with a perfect score for her environmental legislative record for 2008.

The perfect score from the Sierra Club reflects the Assemblymember Hayashi's commitment to the environment by supporting important legislation that protects renewable energy, outdoor education, fire prevention, clean air, water conservation and environmental enforcement and regulations.



Assemblymember Hayashi's perfect score from the California League of Conservation Voter's (CLCV) 2008 Environmental Scorecard reflects her perfect voting record on 24 bills determined by CLCV as environmental priorities. The CLCV is the nation's oldest grassroots environmental political action organization and every year they rate the votes of each state legislator and the Governor.

Honoring California's Fallen Firefighters



On October 18th, Assemblymember Hayashi attended the 2008 California Firefighters Memorial at the State Capitol in Sacramento. The memorial event is an annual tribute that honors firefighters who had fallen in the line of duty or died from job related causes.

The Memorial Wall located on the State Capitol grounds lists over 1000 California firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice since 1850. Hundreds of firefighters, firefighter families and numerous elected officials were present at the ceremony in order to recognize their contributions and honor their service to our state.



Mobile Home Owners and Assemblymember Hayashi Honor Hayward's Firefighters



Assemblymember Hayashi joined the Mobile Home Owners of New England Village Mobile Home Park in Hayward in honoring the firefighters at Hayward's Fire Station Number 7 for their outstanding community support.

The firefighters at Fire Station 7 coordinated and held an important Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and earthquake readiness program for the mobile home community. CERT training is designed to help individuals and communities protect families, neighbors and

neighborhoods in emergency situations. The program teaches individuals how to put out small fires, provide basic medical aid, search for and rescue victims and to organize volunteers and community resources in the event of an emergency situation.



Ground Breaking Occurs for I-580 and Redwood Blvd Interchange Improvement in Castro Valley



Castro Valley and surrounding communities will soon benefit from a \$33 million improvement project that will transform the I-580 and Redwood Intersection into a full-diamond interchange. The new I-580 interchange will feature new eastbound and westbound ramps connecting Redwood Road in Castro Valley with Interstate 580. At its completion, the project will provide greater access to the Castro Valley BART station thereby reducing freeway congestion and it will also help prevent cut through traffic for those trying to reach the downtown Castro Valley businesses.

Thanks to the voters who passed Measure B, this project will receive nearly \$26 million from the county, \$5.3 million from the state and nearly \$1 million from the federal government. Assemblymember Hayashi joined numerous community and elected leaders including Congresswoman Barbara Lee to commemorate the ground breaking and to acknowledge the dedicated work of ACTIA and Caltrans on this important transportation project.

Burbank Elementary in Hayward Celebrates Its New Campus and Cannery Park



On October 4th, Assemblymember Hayashi honored Burbank Elementary School in Hayward at the formal dedication of its new campus and the adjacent Cannery Park. Thanks to the collaboration of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, City of Hayward, Hayward Unified School District and Hayward Area Recreation and Park Department, the school children and community can take pride in this transformation of a brown field into a beautiful new school and neighborhood park.

The new Burbank Elementary School is home to a dual-language immersion program where students will have the opportunity to become bilingual and bi-literate in Spanish and English. Assemblymember Hayashi drew special attention at the grand opening for the wonderful educational opportunities that the new facility and its outstanding teachers will provide to the students.



Pleasanton Opens the Alviso Adobe Park



Last week, the City of Pleasanton held a grand opening and dedication ceremony for the new Alviso Adobe Community Park. This new seven-acre park located at 3465 Old Foothill Road has been carefully landscaped with native plants and trees and is home to several adobe structures that were originally created during the Spanish and Mexican periods.

Alviso Adobe Park will serve as an educational and historical site where school children and visitors alike can learn about the history of the Amador Valley. Assemblymember Hayashi and Congressman Jerry

McNerney attended the opening ceremony and honored the City of Pleasanton for this new and outstanding community park.



New Affordable Housing for Seniors Opens in San Lorenzo



Seniors in the 18th Assembly District have a brand new and beautiful option for affordable housing at Kent Gardens in San Lorenzo. This development includes 83-units designed to be accessible to all senior citizens and contains many amenities to accommodate their needs. Construction began on January 31, 2007 and construction was completed on May 28, 2008.

In October, Assemblymember Hayashi attended the grand opening of Mercy Housing's Affordable Senior Living Center, Kent Gardens located in San Lorenzo at 16450 Kent Avenue. The site has incredible historical significance of the Kuramoto Nursery that once occupied the space. During World War II, the Kuramoto family was forced from their home and work and required to live at a Japanese Internment Camp in Utah for three years. Once World War II ended, the family returned to the area and

operated the nursery specializing in roses until 1977. In front of the new affordable housing complex are gardens with a Japanese flair.

Assemblymember Hayashi Recognizes Hayward Volunteers



Assemblymember Hayashi attended the *Hayward Volunteer Recognition and Awards Dinner* on Thursday, October 25th at Centennial Hall in Hayward. This annual event honors those outstanding volunteers who contribute their time and enthusiasm to help benefit local human service and non-profit programs. Thirty-four volunteers from multiple community service agencies were recognized at the reception.

Along with the volunteer recognition awards, three individuals received special awards, the 2008 City of Hayward Lifetime Award given to Mr. Delmo Della-Dora and the 2008 City of Hayward John

Pappas Award presented to Mr. Allen and Mrs. Jackie Bertillion. Congratulations!



Hayashi Honors San Leandro's 15th Annual Trivia Bee for Literacy



A Who's Who of San Leandro packed the Titan Auditorium at the Marina Community Center on October 17th for the 15th Annual Trivia Bee. The Trivia Bee supports the Library's Project Literacy Program.

This entertaining event generates vital funds and cheer for the benefit of enhancing the lives of those who call San Leandro home. Thanks to Project Literacy and its volunteers, the residents of San Leandro continue to utilize this wonderful resource that offers free tutoring and support for English-speaking adults who want to improve their reading and writing skills as well as free books to those enrolled in Head Start.

Assemblymember Hayashi commended Project Literacy and the City of San Leandro for its 15th Anniversary and recognized its commitment to promote literacy to its residents.



St. Mary's of Oakland Celebrates 35 Years of Service



Assemblymember Hayashi recognized the St. Mary's Center for its 35th Anniversary Fundraiser Dinner, Dance and Auction at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Oakland on October 11th.

St. Mary's Center is the only agency in Oakland with programs exclusively designed for homeless seniors. Its annual gala raises funds to help seniors find permanent housing and develop an appropriate plan of action to address medical, financial, social, and psychological needs. In addition, St. Mary's Center provides a preschool setting that focuses on the needs and abilities of children who might not otherwise have the advantages of early childhood education. Assemblymember Hayashi honored St. Mary's Center for its distinguished record of public service and immeasurable contributions to the Oakland community.

Assemblymember Hayashi Honors the Senior Friendly Visiting Program and its Volunteers



At a special event inside the Rotunda at Hayward's City Hall, Assemblymember Hayashi honored the dedicated volunteers of the Friendly Visiting Program. Each week, these trained volunteers visit a senior or anyone who is homebound for a one to two hour visit in order to offer companionship and verify that seniors have the medications, food, and the ability to live independently in their homes and community. Many homebound seniors often feel lonely or isolated from the world; a visit from a volunteer can make an incredible difference in their quality of life.

Pictured to the left is Assemblymember Mary Hayashi honoring Patricia Merritt-Smith for her outstanding service and commitment to the Friendly Visiting Program. To volunteer for this program, contact the Friendly Visiting Program at the Davis Street Family Resource Center at (510) 347-4620.

Washington Hospital District Turns 50 Years Old



The Washington Hospital Healthcare System celebrated its 50th Anniversary on October 11th with much fanfare and excitement in Fremont. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi attended the festivities and recognized the hospital for its contributions to the community and the residents of Fremont, Newark, Union City, South Hayward and Sunol.

Washington Hospital serves the health care needs of more than 300,000 individuals living in Southern Alameda County through its mission of bringing quality health care to the community with a team of dedicated doctors, nurses, and staff. Congratulations!

St. Rose Hospital Foundation Celebrates its 20th Anniversary



Platform shoes, bell bottoms and disco music greeted those who celebrated St. Rose Hospital Foundation's 20th Anniversary on October 4th at Spectacular XX in Hayward.

This annual gala raises critical funds to meet the hospital's current and future needs, enabling it to provide community support and a level of assistance that allows the hospital to serve all those in need in its diverse community. The foundation helps St. Rose Hospital enhance services and technology to support its healthcare team. Assemblymember Hayashi congratulated St. Rose Hospital and commended it for its vital role it has played in improving the quality of life for Hayward and surrounding residents. Best wishes for continued success!

Marina Mechanical of San Leandro Celebrates its Golden Anniversary



Marina Mechanical of San Leandro celebrated its 50th Anniversary and Open House on October 1st. Assemblymember Hayashi honored President and CEO Jim Hussey as well as his father Robert Hussey who started the business in 1958 for their leadership.

Marina Mechanical installs environmentally friendly and energy efficient commercial heating and air conditioning systems. Located in a 30,000 square foot facility on Thornton Street, Marina Mechanical employs over 70 members from the Sheet Metal Workers and Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Unions. Earlier this year, Marina Mechanical was named the 18th Assembly District Small Business of the Year. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success!

Medical Equipment Recycling Center Opens in San Leandro



Assemblymember Hayashi welcomed MedShare International to the East Bay community at a special grand opening on October 13th at its new West Coast facility in San Leandro. MedShare collects donations of surplus medical equipment and supplies and distributes them to non-profit clinics and other facilities in the Bay Area, elsewhere in the United States or in 74 foreign countries.

The new facility was positioned in San Leandro due to its proximity to more than 80 hospitals and the Port of Oakland. The Northern California community has already donated exam tables, hospital beds, portable x-ray units, incubators, and other biomedical equipment to MedShare for distribution to communities in need.

Hollywood Comes to Hayward at the New Cinema Place



After many years without a movie theater, Hayward opened Cinema Place in downtown on October 22nd located at 1069 B Street. Hundreds of residents and celebrity impersonators welcomed the opening night crowd with Hollywood glitz and glamour.

Assemblymember Hayashi commended the commitment of Century Theatres to provide employment and entertainment for Hayward residents and serve as an anchor to the revitalization of Downtown Hayward. Because of its investment in the community, the lives of Hayward and surrounding residents will shine brighter and make life more enjoyable. Congratulations!



Hayward City Clerk Angelina Reyes Retires After 31 Years of Service

Angelina Reyes, City Clerk for the City of Hayward, retired after 31 years of outstanding public service. Assemblymember Hayashi recognized Ms. Reyes for her dedication at her retirement reception held on October 3rd at the City Hall Rotunda. Ms. Reyes has served the community of Hayward compiling an impressive record of personal and professional achievements which has earned her the highest admiration and respect of her fellow co-workers and residents of Hayward.

Assemblymember Hayashi commended Ms. Reyes for her professional leadership and extended her sincere best wishes on an active and productive retirement.

Assemblymember Hayashi's Voting Record and Helpful Links

Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality	100% Rating
California League of Conservation Voters	100% Rating
Children's Advocacy Institute	Highest Ranking
Consumer Federation of California	100% Rating
Equality California	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-People of Color	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-Women's Issues	100% Rating
National Organization for Women - California	100% Rating
PawPac's Animal Rights and Wildlife Issues	A+ Ranking
Sierra Club	100% Rating

Assemblymember Hayashi's Website ([Click Here](#))

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Assemblymember Hayashi's District Map ([Click Here](#))

Community Events

2nd Annual Jingle Tails District Holiday Party and Food Drive – December 12th at the Oakland Zoo



Assemblymember Hayashi invites you to the 2nd Annual “Jingle Tails District Holiday Party and Food Drive” on Friday, December 12th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Oakland Zoo’s Marian Zimmer Auditorium within the Maddie’s Center for Science & Environmental Education located at 9777 Golf Links Road in Oakland. This free event will allow you to converse about legislation with the Assemblymember, meet district and capitol staff, and enjoy light Holiday refreshments.

Share the Spirit of the Season: Bring a jar of peanut butter or a can of tuna to donate to the Alameda County Community Food Bank and you will receive a free entry to ZooLights beginning at 5:30 p.m. ZooLights is the largest LED light festival in Northern California. This larger-than-life light display mirrors the Oakland Zoo’s year-round animal residents. Children and adults will learn about energy efficiency while enjoying the blend of beauty and excitement that define the Oakland Zoo. More than 120 animal structures will be illuminated with festival lights orchestrated to holiday music.

Please RSVP by calling the District Office at (510) 583-8818 or email christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov. Parking is free for the holiday party by notifying the parking attendant of your arrival.

Resources Available

New Publication Available



The California State Budget Process

Publications Available



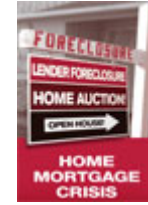
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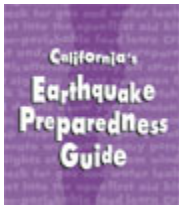
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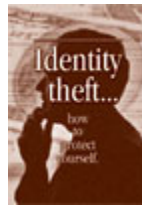
Senior Resource Guide



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18th Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find it and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

If you prefer not to receive email updates or correspondences from the Office of Assemblymember Hayashi, please opt-out by emailing your request to Christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov.